framework of assessment and accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is presently under review of the University Grants Commission and the Government of India.

Functioning for Sanskrit Vidyapeeth/Mahavidyalaya

1373. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines fixed for recruitments/pensionary benefit to teaching/ non teaching staff working in Sanskrit Vidyapeeth/Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya;

(b) whether it is a fact that due representation has not been given to the category of SCs/STs/OBCs in these institutions;

(c) if so, the names of those institutions and by when the backlog will be cleared; and

(d) whether Government would formulate a transparent policy for the smooth functioning of these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The criteria laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC) are followed for recruitment to the teaching posts in the Rasthriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi and its Vidyapeethas (Campuses). The Sansthan has framed its own Rules for recruitment to the non-teaching posts. The Pension Rules laid down by the Government for its employees are followed by the Sansthan for the employees of the Sansthan and its Vidyapeethas.

Recruitments in Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas (ASM) are made by their Managing Committees on the basis of the guidelines issued by the UGC from time to time in respect of the teaching staff and rules applicable to the Sansthan and its Vidyapeethas for non-teaching staff. There is no provision for pension in the ASMs.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Due representation is given to the SCs/STs/OBCs, wherever applicable. Four teaching positions identified as SC/ST backlog vacancies could not be filled so far due to non-availability of suitable candidates.

(d) The Sansthan is an autonomous organization, whose functioning is reviewed periodically. The ASMs are recognized under a Scheme for

Recognition of Adarash Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya/Shodh Sansthan and function under the provisions of this Scheme. There is no proposal at present to formulate any new policy in this regard.

Decline of admissions in Government schools

1374. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of admission of Government-run primary schools has declined since last year despite an overall rise in admissions;

(b) whether Government have a plan to improve the quality of education so that students are not forced to join expensive private-run schools;

(c) whether there is any data to show that mothers who have not been to school are more susceptible to withdraw their children from schools; and

(d) whether there is a plan to educate uneducated mothers on the importance of literacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) As per the figures compiled under District Information System for Education (DISE), the percentage of new admissions in Government schools has decline in 2005-06 as compared to last year.

(b) to (d) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan following steps have been taken to improve the quality of education:

- Recruitment of about 7.38 lakh teachers
- Teachers' training for building the capacity of teaching process
- Grants to schools and teachers for developing local context specific teaching learning material that have potential to improve pedagogical process.
- Distribution of free text books to SC/ST and all girl students
- Provision of decentralized academic resource institutions, *viz,* Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres